

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2663 PATENT** 4450-0259P

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PROVISIONING FOR SONET NETWORKS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 8, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated December 8, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the aboveidentified application.

This Reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.